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Dr. Charles M. Cook, Director
Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
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Dear Charles:

Thanks so much for giving me an opportunity to meet with you regarding the scheduled NEASC re-accreditation process for the University of Maine at Augusta. I was particularly pleased with your wish to meet on our campus. I hope that the construction that you saw here since your last visit to us, combined with the general campus vibrancy, made the drive worthwhile!

I am writing to follow up on our conversation at this visit. In essence, we reviewed the University of Maine System Board of Trustees' year-long Strategic Planning Process and speculated, from the information available to us, what the implications will be for UMA when a draft report first appears next fall. As we noted, the Board has been motivated to "re-invent" the University of Maine System for several reasons, not the least of which is the emergence of the Maine Community College System. Given that fact, it is obvious that UMA, with 3,100 of the System's 3,500 Associate Degree students in its 6,000 member student body, will be a very different institution at the conclusion of the Board's work.

Given these facts, I am requesting a two-year delay in the scheduled spring 2005 re-accreditation visit. We anticipate that the Board's work will be completed, in final form, in early spring of 2005; our initial "re-invented" year will be the '05-'06 year; and that we will be entering, that year, a four-year transition period. Clearly, however, by spring of '07 we should be ready for a visit from your team and should have had an opportunity for plenty of lead time to provide you with the advance documents you require.

Since our planning process for the scheduled '05 visit has been underway for two years, we plan to keep our work intact and keep the planning process alive. We hope, by this work, to have a self-study infrastructure in place to coincide with completion of the Trustees' planning process. We can then put the content emerging from that process onto the self-study skeleton we will have formed as we prepare for a re-scheduled visit in spring of '07.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please note, finally, that Chancellor Joseph Westphal concurs with this request.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Lyons, President

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cc: Chancellor Joseph Westphal

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University of Maine at Augusta Degree Programs

Baccalaureate Degree Programs

B.S.	Administration of Justice	Augusta, Bangor
B.A.	Architecture	Augusta
B.A.	Art	Augusta
	<i>Concentrations:</i> Photography, Studio Art	
B.A.	Biology	Augusta
B.A.S.	Applied Science	Statewide
B.S.	Business Administration	Statewide
	<i>Majors:</i> Accounting, Management	
	<i>Concentrations:</i> Computer Information Systems, Financial Services, Public Administration, Small Business	
B.S.	Computer Information Systems	Augusta
B.S.	Dental Hygiene	Bangor
B.A.	English	Augusta
B.S.	Financial Services	Augusta, Bangor
B.A.	Interdisciplinary Studies	Augusta
B.M.	Jazz and Contemporary Music	Augusta
	<i>Concentrations:</i> Audio Technology, Composition, Performance	
B.S.	Library and Information Services	National (Web-based)
B.S.	Mental Health and Human Services	Statewide
B.S.	Public Administration	Augusta
B.A.	Social Science	Augusta

Associate Degree Programs

A.A.	Architectural Studies	Augusta
A.A.	Art	Augusta
A.S.	Business Administration	Statewide
A.S.	Computer Information Systems	Augusta, Bangor
A.S.	Criminal Justice	Augusta, Bangor
A.S.	Dental Hygiene	Bangor
A.S.	Financial Services	Statewide
A.A.A.	Graphic Arts	Augusta
A.S.	Human Services	Augusta, Bangor
A.S.	Jazz and Contemporary Music	Augusta
A.S.	Legal Technology	Bangor
A.A.	Liberal Arts	Statewide
A.A.	Liberal Studies	Statewide
A.S.	Library and Information Services	National (Web-based)
A.S.	Medical Laboratory Technology	Augusta
A.S.	Nursing	Augusta
A.S.	Public Administration	Augusta
A.A.	Social Services	Statewide
A.S.	Veterinary Technology	Bangor

Availability of Associate Degrees at UMA and/or Kennebec County Community College

KVCC	UMA (Augusta Campus)	Comments
Administrative Office Technology		
Applied Electronics/Computer Technology		
	Architectural Studies	
	Art Concentration in Computer Imaging	
Biological Sciences		
Business Administration Concentrations in Accounting, Business Management/Marketing	Business Administration Concentrations in Accounting, Management, Small Business	
Computer Science	Computer Information Systems	
	Criminal Justice	
Education Program Concentrations in Early Childhood, Speech & Language, Special Education		
	Financial Services	
	Graphic Arts	
General Technology		
Health Information Technology		
	Human Services Concentrations in Substance Abuse, Child & Adolescent Services, Gerontology, Developmental Disabilities, Early Childhood Services, Mental health	KVCC offers certificate in Mental Health & Rehab. Community
Industrial Electrical/Electronics Technology		
	Jazz and Contemporary Music	
	Liberal Arts	
Liberal Studies	Liberal Studies	
	Library and Information Services	
Medical Assisting		
	Medical Laboratory Technology	
Nursing	Nursing	
Occupational Therapy Assistant		
Physical Therapist Assistant		
Precision Machining Technology		
Pulp & Paper Technology		
	Public Administration	
Radiologic Technology		
Respiratory Therapy		
	Social Services	
Trade and Technical Occupations		

Availability of Associate Degrees at UMA and Eastern Maine Community College

EMCC	UMA (Bangor Campus)	Comments
Automotive Technology		
Building Construction		
Business Management: Banking, Office Administration	Business Administration Financial Services	
Civil Engineering Technology		
Computer Aided Drafting and Design		
Computer Systems Technology	Computer Information Systems	
Culinary Arts		
	Criminal Justice	
	Dental Hygiene	
Diesel, Truck and Heavy Equipment		
Early Childhood Education		
Education (formerly Paraeducation)		
Electrical and Automation Technology		
Emergency Medical Services		
General Technology		
	Human Services	
	Legal Technology	
	Liberal Arts	
Liberal Studies	Liberal Studies	
	Library and Information Services	
Machine Tool Technology		
Medical Radiography		
Medical Transcription		
Nursing		
Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, Heating		
Restaurant & Foods Service Management		
	Social Services	
Surgical Technology		
Telecommunications		
Trade and Technical Occupations		
Welding/Pipe Fabrication		
	Veterinary Technology	